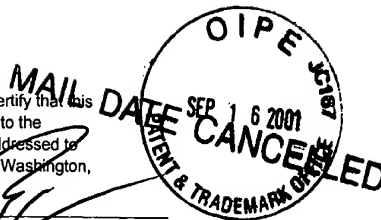


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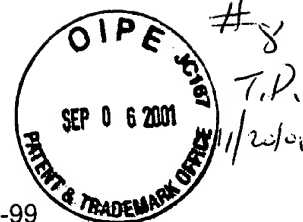
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1. Petition Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application, which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special.

2. Claims All the claims in this case are believed to be directed to a single invention continuation in a patent application that claims priority from U.S. Patent No. 5,956,491. If the Patent and Trademark Office determines that all the claims presented are not directed to a single invention, Applicant will make an election without traverse as prerequisite to the grant of special status.

3. Search The patent application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/617,658, filed April 1, 1996, and issuing on September 21, 1999, as U.S. Patent No. 5,956,491. In the parent patent application, the Examiner conducted a search in classes 395 and

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200.8. The results of the search, and other information that may be material or of interest, were made of record in the prior application.


4. Copy of References A copy of each reference or other document uncovered in the prior applications is already of record in those cases, which the Examiner is requested to consider again. A duplicate is provided herewith.

5. Detailed Discussion of the References The pending claims are similar to those allowed in the parent case. The Examiner made no comments concerning the reasons for allowance of the patent and cited no prior art in a rejection except that which is enclosed. The patents cited in the Office Action in the parent case do not disclose an Internet-type structure, as required in the independent claims. As pointed out in the Amendment and Response in the parent case, "BLY (Patent No. 5,008,853) instead teaches a local area network structure, although RYU (Patent No. 5,528,671) teaches what seems to be a relay type of structure." The contention that neither teaches the above-mentioned claimed features of the present invention on an Internet-type of structure was sufficient to overcome the rejection, resulting in issuance of the parent patent. Accordingly, the claimed invention is believed to be patentable over the known prior art.

6. Fee The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235. Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

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